



Maryland Youth Advisory Council
c/o Governor's Office for Children
100 Community Place,
Crownsville, MD 21032

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Aidan Douglas, *Secretary*
Christina Drushel Williams, *Advisor*

**General Meeting Minutes
November 17 2019
Governor's Coordinating Offices
100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032**

In Attendance

Council Members:

Noureen Badwi
Nina Bundy
Crisaly De Los Santos
Aidan Douglas (Virtual)
Benjamin Forest
Maggie Harkins

Jesse Harris, Jr.
Ian Herd
Carmelli Leal
Marvin Li (Virtual)
Maya Matava
Kennedy Smith
Alex Xhane

Guests:

Mary Kumcheva

Staff:

Christina Drushel Williams

Introduction

- Meeting called to order at 11:04 AM
- Members introduced themselves.
- Welcomed Benjamin Forest who was recently appointed by the University System of Maryland Student Council and guest Mary Kumcheva from the Maryland Association of Student Councils.
- Approval of the agenda
 - All in favor
- Approval of the minutes
 - All in favor

Updates

- Maryland Education COMAR Regulations
 - The State Board of Education passed both regulations for equity in education and health education.
 - The Council submitted letters of support, which were included in the board member's documents.
 - The board members discussed the suggested amendment by the Council relating to emphasizing abstinence in the health curriculum. Other board members discussed the lack of alcohol, tobaccos and other substance use in the regulations.
 - The discussions did not yield a change in the regulation language. However, the curriculum framework goes into greater detail about course content, and there will be an opportunity to review and provide feedback to that document in the future.
- Maryland United for Youth Conference
 - Noureen, Carmelli, Maggie, and Ms. Christina attended the conference in College Park on November 4th and 5th. MYAC members participated in a youth panel along with a member of the Intersection to share with conference attendees how to engage and support youth and young adults.
 - Members attended sessions on equity, trauma-informed practices, youth engagement, diversity and inclusion, two-generation approaches, and many other topic areas.

- The conference hosts and attendees gave good feedback from the youth panel, and the session was well received.
- MYAC attendees will write a blog post reflecting on their experiences and it will be posted on the website and social media accounts.

Legislative Priority Discussion and Vote

- Based on the survey results, it is the recommendation of the Executive Board to select Education as the 2019-2020 Legislative Priority.
- Moved into discussion about sub-priorities under Education or secondary priority areas like health or the environment.
 - Ian moved to have education as the main priority and sub-priorities underneath it
 - Jesse had a point of clarification
 - discussion from Marvin
 - Aye: 8
 - Nay: 3

Vaping Discussion and Project Planning

- Background information from Ms. Christina
 - Glenn Fueston, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention reached out to Ms. Christina to know if they Council would be interested in leading a youth-focused vaping project. Funding will be available.
 - Vaping has been discussed by the Council through community conversations and discussions with the Children's Cabinet.
 - Last year, the Council worked with the Maryland Dental Action Coalition to create a youth-focused infographic, discussed messaging for an awareness campaign, op-ed in Coalition newsletter
- Proposal must be made, suggestions:
 - Have a phase 1 and phase 2
 - P1 - creating a campaign, conference, and resource building
 - P2 - going forth with the campaign, sub-granting, etc
 - Think about one-pagers (and toolkit), social media campaign (design contractor), press conference, sub granting, national conference
 - Discussion on timeline
 - Talk about supporting students to offset costs to attend launch event/press conference
 - Logistical talk about the press conference event
 - Considering when, looking at mid-march
 - Thinking about 1-5 pm
 - introductions, Presentation, roundtable listening
 - How many people do we want?
 - Finalize proposal with the executive board and then do online comment time and vote with the council
 - Proposal due on Monday, November 25th

Results for Child Well-Being

- Ms. Christina provided a short refreshers on the results and indicators in preparation for the Youth Forum later in the afternoon.
- Reviewed the three kinds of power when prioritizing data
 - communication power (meaningful and easily understood)
 - proxy power (central importance of the result)
 - data power (timely, reliable, consistent)

Announcements

- Children's Cabinet Liaisons
 - Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention –Kamri Gooding
 - Department of Juvenile Services – Nina Bundy
 - Department of Human Services – Zahra Allidina
 - Maryland State Department of Education – Ryan Blosser
 - Maryland Department of Health – Kennedy Smith
 - Department of Disabilities – Maggie Harkins
 - Department of Corrections and Public Safety – Benjamin Forest
- Members will be expected to connect monthly with their agency representative and include information in a report-out to be included in the monthly Council meetings.
- Ms. Christina will provide e-introductions to the agency liaison and the report out template
- Children's Cabinet Implementation Team (CCIT) Presentation
 - In the past, MYAC has presented to the Children's Cabinet in December, however the Cabinet's January meeting cannot accommodate the Council at the time. The Council will present to the CCIT, composed of deputy directors, at its December meeting and present to the Cabinet Secretaries in April.
 - **December 10, 2019 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM at the Governor's Coordinating Offices located at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032.**
 - Ms. Christina will send out an RSVP form and will provide a letter of excused absence.
- Legislative Platform Review and Priority Vote
 - During the December meeting, the council will review and approve the 2019-20 Legislative Platform and the sub-priorities under Education.
 - Members must submit amendments to the platform prior to the meeting, only submitted amendments will be considered in the discussion.
 - Members will also submit suggested sub-priorities to be voted on during the December meeting.
- Travel Expense Reports
 - If you would like to receive reimbursement for your mileage and tolls, please complete the expense form provided by Ms. Christina
 - Members must submit an original hardcopy with signature of the form and receipt of toll to Ms. Christina within 30 days.

Lunch and Room Set-up

Public Forum – Results for Child Well-Being

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 PM